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7103, ECOLOGY AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WOLF

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 23 JUNE TO
ACADEMECIAN V. E. SOKOLOV,INSTITUTE OF EVOLUTIONARY
MORPHOLOGY AND ANIMAL ECOLOGY, LENINSKY PROSPEKT 33, WITH
COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. 02.05-7103 24 JUNE

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MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR VLADIMIR EVGENEEVICH:

IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE, NOTES THAT UP TO TWO U.S. SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT
THE USSR IN LATE SECOND OR THIRD QUARTER OF 1977 TO

DEMONSTRATE LIVE TRAPPING, ANESTHETIZING AND RADIO TRACKING OF WOLVES. THE TWO U.S. SPECIALISTS ARE NOW READY TO MAKE

THIS TRIP , 15 JULY-5 AUGUST. THEY ARE: DR. DAVID MECH, WILDLIFE RESEARCH BIOLOGIST, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND MR. JEFFREY RENNEBERG, BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN, ELY, MINNESOTA.

3. WE REQUEST YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF A THIRD TEAM MEMBER. U.S. SIDE BELIEVES THAT THE WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT MORE EFFICIENTLY IF THE US TEAM HAS A THIRD MEMBER. I THEREFORE PROPOSE AND HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT, MR. STEVEN DAVID MECH AS A THIRD MEMBER. STEVE MECH HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA THROUGH WORK WITH HIS FATHER, DR. DAVID MECH.

4. DR. MECH HAS ORDERED RADIO TRACKING EQUIPMENT FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES WHICH HE PLANS TO BRING WITH HIM TO PRESENT TO SOVIET WOLF SPECIALISTS. THOUGH MECH PREFERS TO WORK WITH SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON WOLF TRAPPING AND RADIO TRACKING IN THE WILD, MECH WOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE EQUIPMENT ON LIVE WOLVES IN PRESERVES OR IN CAPTIVITY AS WELL. THE U.S. TEAM WILL COME PREPARED TO CONDUCT LIVE TRAPPING AND RADIO TRACKING SHOULD THE OPPORTUNITY BE AVAILABLE.

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5. DR. MECH HOPES TO MEET WITH DR. BIBIKOV TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON THE ECOLOGY OF THE WOLF.

6. MECH WILL BE PLEASED TO FOLLOW ANY ITINERARY DESIGNATED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

7. PLEASE INDICATE ASAP IF THE DATES AND PROPOSED VISIT ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF SO, PLEASE INDICATE ITINERARY AND FACILITATE VISA ISSUANCE FOR THE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS.

8. GIVEN PRIOR COMMITMENTS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR MECH TO POSTPONE THIS TRIP TO A LATER DATE.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT PUTZ VANCE

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